

RACE SPECTATORS PACK THE STREETS

Crowds Line Pennsylvania Avenue in Effort to See Runners.

SEETHING MOBS AT FINISH LINE

Marathon Athletes Get Thunderous Applause as They Cross the Last Mark.

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whizzed by. It was a great moment for local and Baltimore athletes and they all realized it.

Early On the Job.

This morning as early as 8 o'clock a solitary man stood in front of the Munsey building and gazed upward at a long list of names. They represented the Marathon entrants. In a few minutes other people were up, and they joined the solitary man. Then they began to talk. At 8 o'clock the cars carrying the judges, scorers, and officers of the course left The Times building for Laurel, Md. The assembled crowd dispersed for a little while.

At ten o'clock they were back again—hundreds of them—waiting for the "they're off" sign on the score board by which the watchers were told of the progress of the run. Every moment added to the density and the enthusiasm of the throngs. Toward noon it had

reached a point where the runners were not in danger of running twenty miles in a day. One's gaze fell alternately upon the score board, carrying the

names of those ahead at the last scoring point, and down Pennsylvania avenue where every moment a

figure clad in white, short-cut uniform was expected to appear.

Come Into Their Own.

The runners came into their own as soon as the Peace Monument, denoting the entrance to the business section of the city, was reached. Many enthusiasts had gathered there to see the beginning of the final spurt to victory. Ensor, a local boy, was recognized by many of these and if there is such a thing as invisible or subconscious support, Ensor certainly received it. Apparently everybody was trying to extend one gigantic spirit hand to the runner and to drag him through the last laps.

Feminine strong, yelling, and team yells, smothered exclamations from the more timid, and a mighty chorus from everybody, sent the air as the three leaders, somewhat in advance of the rest, swept defiantly up the Avenue.

"They're finishing strong; they're finishing strong," yelled, and the runner, eyes straight ahead, quickened his pace a little bit and hunched all the harder for the little line of white a few hundred yards in the distance.

Two hours and twelve minutes, Gee, that's covered in a hurry, ejaculated a man who held his watch in his hand, when the runner crossed the tape. Then he saw the fellow next to him, whom he's never seen before, slapped one another upon the back and yelled.

Many Policemen Needed.

It required more than a score of policemen, mounted and on foot, to control the thousands who gathered in the roped-off inclosures surrounding the finish line. It was not an unruly crowd, but it was one that fairly bubbled over with enthusiasm and that restrained itself or permitted itself to be restrained with the greatest reluctance.

From the little park between the Munsey Building and the Municipal Building down the Avenue to Twelfth street, there was an unbroken line of expectant humanity packed four to one hundred deep. From Twelfth street to the Peace Monument a rather disconnected but nonetheless interested line, extending on both sides of the street and backed against the curb.

As the runners would come in there would be a concerted movement toward the sprinter, and many of the contestants ran up the Avenue between cheering rows of enthusiasts packed so close on both sides that the runner might have touched them. The police, stationed all along the Avenue, tried as best they could to partially check the good-natured interest of the throng.

In the windows, doorways, and on the fire escapes of the buildings overlooking along the Avenue were grouped hundreds of others, their cheers mingling with those of the throngs below. Every window in the Postoffice building, the Southern railway, the Municipal building, and others were occupied.

TAFT TRAVELING IN FAST COMPANY

President Playing Golf at Chevy Chase Links With Amateur Champion.

President Taft is traveling in championship company this afternoon. He is at the Chevy Chase links playing golf with Walter J. Travis as his partner, and C. Allen Lard and Vice President Sherman as his opponents. Travis is the amateur champion and Lard was the recent runner-up at the tournament held on the Chevy Chase grounds.

The party left the White House in the big touring car at about 2 o'clock and it is probable that the President will be away until dark, for he usually signs the lawn after his play and imbibes soft drinks with his partners and opponents.

Cars and Drivers Who Aided In the Running of Marathon Race

Referee's car—White Steamer; Charles Walcott.

Special press car—Chalmers-Detroit; Gardner Orme.

Utility car—American Simplex; R. C. Wilson.

Patrol car, No. 1—Reo; George Thomas.

Patrol car, No. 2—Franklin, Dupont Garage; M. J. Harmon,

driver.

Patrol car, No. 3—Columbia; Abe Cohen.

Patrol car, No. 4—Inter-state; Arthur G. Newmyer.

Checker's car, No. 1—Gyroscopic; I. C. Barber.

Checker's car, No. 2—Wayne; A. D. Boston.

Baggage truck—Reliance; H. C. Wilson & Bro.

Utility car—Hupmobile; Georges Franc.

ANNUAL INTERCITY MARATHON IS PLAN OF THE MUNSEY PAPERS

Early next week The Washington Times and the Baltimore News will apply to officials of the A. A. U. for a sanction to hold the second annual Intercity Marathon early in the spring of 1910. The running of this race will be a feature of the South Atlantic Association's calendar each year.

This decision, reached today by managers of the Frank A. Munsey newspapers in Washington and Baltimore, is the best gauge of the success they believe has attended the inauguration of the event.

Conceived in the threefold purpose of fostering track athletics, of encouraging distance running in this section, and of arousing a spirit of friendly intercity competition between Washington and Baltimore, the success of the first Intercity Marathon was assured from the moment it was announced.

Just what degree of success lay in store for this initial attempt is shown by the interest displayed in two great cities, and in the high standard of the race itself. The Times frankly admits this success was far greater than its promoters dared expect.

Worked Under Handicaps. Managers of the race worked under handicaps from the start. From six to nine months of actual hard work is the key to the success of the great Boston Marathon. The Times-News race was a new venture, and it was worked out in a little more than six weeks.

June 12 is too late to hold a Marathon race. The event next year will probably be held in the early spring. The question of launching the project at all this year was seriously considered. But The Times believed that action had already been delayed too long, and decided it was better to run the race in face of handicaps than not run it at all.

Poorly arranged Marathons have aroused a general prejudice against distance running. Admitting men who were not in condition to run one mile had put the running of more than twenty miles in disfavor. Trainers declare that there is no more danger in running twenty miles, if properly trained, than there is in running one.

On the other hand, distance running is one of the surest tests of endurance in all athletics. A man with a "yellow streak" can hardly get in among the winners of a twenty-mile run.

Not To Our Credit.

It is not to the credit of America that it has always been far behind other countries in distance races where international competition was possible. The distance events at the Olympic games offer the one field Americans have yet to conquer. The Times believes that Maryland and the District of Columbia should be represented on the teams we send abroad, and this Marathon should be most of all, an incentive to develop distance racing throughout the South.

A Marathon, moreover, seemed best adapted to serve a more immediate need. Baltimore and Washington are legal rivals in athletics. A wider interest in track athletics can be aroused in no better way than by a spirit of friendly rivalry on the athletic field.

The first step in working out this project was to enlist the aid of officials of the A. A. U. The Times has always stood for a sharp line between professional and amateur athletics. It has given every encouragement in its power to both. It has only demanded that the distinction should be very clear, and that amateur athletes should be withheld from the aid of the professional element.

No better criterion of the importance of this event in the minds of sport promoters could be gained than by scanning the list of officials, which includes the Baltimore and Washington heads of the A. A. U. and one or more representatives of practically every college, club, or school of any athletic importance in both cities. The value of their expert knowledge and advice in planning for the race was another asset.

List of Officials.

Besides Theodore Strauss, president of the South Atlantic Association, and Dr. D. E. Wiber, chairman of the registration committee, who stand for the best there is in amateur athletics here, the officials included such men as:

W. G. Stuart, probably the best known athletic promoter in the South.

Capt. C. E. Edwards, the father of National Guard athletics in Washington.

C. E. Beckett, who has placed 30 C. A. athletes on a standard with as-

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The entry list is marked by quality as well as by numbers. It is probably the most representative aggregation that has ever taken part in a purely local sporting event. Men from practically every university and college within the bounds of Baltimore and Washington, athletic clubs, and high schools have entrants among the starters.

Kept To Home Talent.

The Times might have gotten a larger field by importing out-of-town talent, but it believed the place to develop local athletics was at home. The importation of out-of-town athletes is all right for exhibition purposes, but when home sports are to be boomed it is believed the men would rather compete against men in their own class than against men who have an unsurmountable advantage in experience and in training.

The class of the race, as those who saw it today, might suffer from this policy. Closer and more spirited competition for the team victory as well as for individual places is assured.